

# Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 20, 2016

**Present:** Bob Warnke, Dale Witzke, Joe Maehl, Jim Romnek, Joe Aulik, Judy Steckbauer

**Absent:** Tom Snider

**Others Present:** None

Bob Warnke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Bob Warnke requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Jim Romnek so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Dale Witzke so moved at 9:01 a.m., second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motioned carried. Convened in closed session for the purposes of acting on applications for financial, medical, social, or personal histories of such applicants which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or date, as provided in sec. 19.85 [1] [f], Wisconsin State Statutes.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to come out of closed session. Jim Romnek so moved at 10:10 a.m., second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. None.

Bob Warnke called for approval of meeting minutes dated May 9, 2016. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated June 20, 2016. Joe Maehl so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried. Half way through the year and Joe encouraged Commissioners to closely watch the spending for the rest of the year. There is currently \$9,357.00 in donations pending budget transfer. Full VSC approved the purchase of 50 additional \$50.00 Walmart gift cards.

**Old Business:** Position Study employee meetings are scheduled for this week. Then there will be an appeal period.

-Joe has another meeting this week with the architect regarding the office relocation to the CAB building. He will share copies of the floor plans when finalized. He anticipates the move to happen late in 2017.

-Joe has had several meetings in Madison the last month. Just last week he and the President of the WI CVSOA met with Secretary Scocos and his staff. The whole regionalization issue is

either driven by the Secretary or the Governor. WDVA has an idea of what they want to do and will do it. Joe cautioned them on the push back on the regionalization issue. Change needs to start with the state legislators, veteran service organizations and veterans themselves. The voice of the veteran is getting lost.

-State Statute 45.86 distributed and possible changes to VSC Guidelines discussed. Guidelines expanded to include needy spouses of veterans as well as needy parents. Also that a VSC application does not have to be completed for the staff to distribute a maximum of 3 Kwik Trip, Walmart or cab passes in a 1 year period but the financial assistance portion in VetraSpec does need to be completed. If a 4<sup>th</sup> card is requested, an application will have to be completed and brought before the full VSC for approval.

-Resolution addressing CVSO grant distributed. Joe and Rock Larson (CVSO Wood County) met with the governor's Chief of Staff, Secretary Scocos and his staff as well as WCA several weeks ago regarding this issue. Came out of the meeting with a simple form to submit to WDVA for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grant reimbursement period. WDVA is to promulgate the rules for the next grant period. All encouraging WDVA to go back to the block grant format. This grant was originally designed to be utilized for salaries. Joe will take this resolution before the Legislative Committee as well as the full County Board. Another resolution opposing CVSO regionalization will also be brought forward.

**New Business:** No new agenda items brought forward.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Orrin King Building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room, 448 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI.

Jim Romnek moved to adjourn, seconded by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer  
Deputy Director of Veterans Services